



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 10/763,949 | 01/23/2004 | Andrei Darievich Mirzabekov | U 014998-5 | 5066 |
| 140 LADAS & PARRY 26 WEST 61ST STREET NEW YORK, NY 10023 | 7590 12/19/2006 | | EXAMINER STEELE, AMBER D | |
| | | | ART UNIT 1639 | PAPER NUMBER |
| SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD OF RESPONSE | MAIL DATE | DELIVERY MODE | | |
| 30 DAYS | 12/19/2006 | PAPER | | |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

TH

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. |
| 10/763,949 | 01/23/2004 | Mirzabekov et al. | U014998-5 |
| EXAMINER | | | |
| Steele, A. D. | | | |
| ART UNIT | PAPER | | |
| 1639 | 20061211 | | |

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Application No: 10/763,949

Art Unit: 1639

1) The Applicants' response received on October 3, 2006 is acknowledged and entered. Applicants requested prosecution of claims 24-51. However, claims 24-51 correspond to multiple Groups (e.g. claims 24-32 = Group XIX; claim 33 = Group X; claim 34 = Group XXI; and new claims 35 -51 = Group VIII which previously correlated to claim 17 which is now canceled). Thus, applicants have not elected a single invention and the election is incomplete.

2) In addition, applicants' were requested to elect a single, specific species of composition if the invention of Group VIII (old claim 17; new claims 35-51) was elected or a single, specific species of biochip and a single, specific species of how the biochip is made if the invention of Group XIX (claims 24-32) was elected. Applicants have neglected to elect any species. Thus the species election is incomplete because applicant did not elect a single, specific species as required.

3) Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be a bona fide attempt, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amber D. Steele whose telephone number is 571-272-5538. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Schultz can be reached at 571-272-0763. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

ADS
December 11, 2006

MARK L. SHIBUYA
PRIMARY EXAMINER